In re Application of:

Docket No. 03500.015406.

HIROYUKI SHINBATA

Application No.: 09/873,340

Filed: June 5, 2001

For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, APPARATUS AND PROGRAM

Examiner: A. Tabatabai

Group Art Unit: 2625

Date: March 23, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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| X | Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. |
| | Respectfully submitted, |

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 5.

> I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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